Dropping of professors from NCERT panel

709. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the four Professors who had been writing books for NCERT for decades, were dropped from the panel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that new four Professors were brought in when a panel was decided to change the curriculum; and

(c) if so, what are the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has constituted no permanent panel of Professors for writing books for NCERT. As and when books are to be written and requirements arise, eminent Professors/Scholars/Educationists are approached who then collectively or individually author or provide inputs and material for production of new textbooks.

NCERT has recently released the National Curriculum Framework for School Education in the light of National Policy on Education, 1986 and Programme of Action, 1992. Accordingly the Council is engaged in the process of developing detailed subject-wise syllabi and new textbooks. The Curriculum framework emphasises on concerns and issues based on the social, economic, scientific and psychological changes, which require a modern approach, for production of textbooks. This necessitated NCERT seeking the services of different Professors / Scholars, eminent educationists etc. best suited for addressing these concerns.

Government approved technical colleges

†710. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various technical colleges in the country are being run with necessary Government approval;

(b) if so, the names of such colleges; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the names of States where these colleges are functioning and since when they have been functioning?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is the statutory body empowered to grant approval to technical colleges in the country.

(b) and (c) The minute details like name, location, year of approval, etc. are available in the AICTE publications. The information is also available on the AICTE website-www aicte org

Debate over Tagore's Copyright

711. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report published in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd July, 2001 under the caption "Debate over Tagore's copyright"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and what steps are being taken to prevent commercialization of Tagore's masterpieces by unscrupulous authors and publishers when the copyright expires by the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Works of authors comes out of the purview of copyright protection after the period prescribed under the Copyright Act, 1957. There is no agency with the Government to prescribe standards for publication of reputed authors. The academia and the learned scholars are expected to take care of these standards.

Appraisal of Integrated Child Development Scheme

712. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in an appraisal of the Integrated Child Development Service Scheme between 1992—99, has lamented that the Scheme has done little in improving the health status of children;